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**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

**Headquarters USAF**

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**ATTENTION**

**: Colonel**

**SUBJECT**

**: Utilization Summary for U-2 Aircraft**

1. The following is a summary of utilization of Agency assigned U-2 aircraft:

**Covert Overflight Missions Flown to Date (Photo and ELINT)**

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|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
|              | 26         |
|              | 31         |
|              | 151        |
|              | 28         |
|              | 49         |
|              | 41         |
|              | 6          |
|              | 42         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>374</b> |

2. The following are the utilization rates for Agency assigned U-2 aircraft for Fiscal Year 1963:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Sorties (Total)</b>  | <b>457</b>  |
| <b>Flying Hours (Total)</b>                                       | <b>1676</b> |
| <b>Average Aircraft Assigned</b>                                  | <b>3.5</b>  |
| <b>Flying Hours Per Aircraft Per Month</b>                        | <b>39.2</b> |
| <b>Operational</b>  | <b>7.9</b>  |
| <b>Ferry</b>  | <b>4.1</b>  |
| <b>Training</b>   | <b>18.6</b> |
| <b>Test (Includes LAC R&amp;D Test)</b>                           | <b>8.6</b>  |
| <b>Average Scheduled Maintenance Hours Per Month Per Aircraft</b> | <b>15</b>   |
| <b>Average Weeks Per Year In IRAN or Up-date Per Aircraft</b>     | <b>15</b>   |

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3. The following is an estimate of utilization for Fiscal Year 1964:

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Sorties (Total)           | 475  |
| Flying Hours (Total)      | 2600 |
| Average Aircraft Assigned | 7    |

4. During the period when the Agency is required to support the BRASS KNOB operation as in the current arrangement, our average scheduled maintenance hours per aircraft will increase substantially. Presently, we perform the periodic inspection and the aircraft is flown by the FOG unit. Therefore, the scheduled maintenance hours compared to hours flown on subsequent reports may increase considerably.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)

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